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PESTICIDE APPLICATORS ACT STATE OF COLORADO TITLE 35 ARTICLE 10

HOW DO YOU GET AND RENEW COMMERCIAL LICENSES?

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This Act provides for licensing of individuals and businesses involved in commercial pesticide application.

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How Do You Get and Renew Commercial Licenses?

How do I get a Commercial Applicator Business License?

1. Fill out [Application for Commercial Pesticide Applicator's License](#) form
2. Show proof of liability insurance, \$400,000 minimum
3. Employ, or have available by agreement, at least one Qualified Supervisor who is licensed in the category or subcategory of application being performed
4. Submit a Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State (for corporations, limited liability partnerships, or limited liability companies)
5. Provide a FAA copy of certification (for aerial applicators only)
6. Pay \$350.00 license fee

One license can be issued for multiple application businesses if:

- all businesses operate out of the same location
- names of all business are listed on the application
- separate fee paid for each business if required

Be sure you prominently display the following statement on each customer invoice: "Commercial applicators are licensed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture."

How do I renew a Commercial Applicator Business License?

1. Licenses expire on January 1st of each year. The license is valid for one year only
2. Submit application form on or before first working day of January
3. Pay renewal fee at this time
4. A 10% penalty is added if application is not postmarked on or before the first working day of January
5. If the application and/or fee are not postmarked on or before February 1st, the license is cancelled and you must apply for a new license

How do I get a Limited Commercial or Public Applicators License?

1. Fill out [Application for Limited Commercial/Public Registration](#) form
2. Employ, or have available by agreement, at least one Qualified Supervisor who is licensed in the category of subcategory of application being performed

3. Submit a Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State (for corporations, limited liability partnerships, or limited liability companies)
4. Pay \$50.00 registration fee

How do I renew a Limited Commercial or Public Applicators License?

Same as for Commercial Applicator License

How do I get a Certified Operator or Qualified Supervisor License?

1. Pass the general exam plus exams in all categories applicable to the pesticide applications which will be performed
2. Possess the experience and qualifications required by the rules and regulations (Qualified Supervisor only)
3. Submit an application form
4. Pay \$75.00 license fee

How do I renew a Certified Operator or Qualified Supervisor License?

1. Licenses are valid for 3 years and expire on the applicator's birth date
2. During those 3 years you must obtain continuing education credits in each category listed on the license
3. Submit an application for renewal
4. Pay the \$75.00 license renewal fee at this time
5. A 10% penalty is added if application is not postmarked on or before the expiration date of the license
6. If the application and/or fee are not postmarked on or before the 30th day following the expiration date of the license, the license is cancelled and you must apply for a new license

References and Resources

Licensing and Examination Guide for Commercial Applicators, Limited Commercial/Public Applicators, Qualified Supervisors, Certified Operators. Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, Lakewood, CO. <http://www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/PesticideApplicator/Publications/examguide.pdf>

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Requirements and Forms for Commercial, Limited Commercial, or Public Applicator Licensing. Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, Lakewood, CO. <http://www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/PesticideApplicator/AppGenInfo.html>

Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Administration and Enforcement of the Pesticide Applicators' Act. Title 35, Article 10. Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, Lakewood, CO. <http://www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/PesticideApplicator/Publications/PestAppRules.pdf>

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